234. National Research Dev Corpn of India

235. National Safai Karamchari's Finance & Dev Corpn.

236. National SC/ST Finance & Dev Corpn.

असमान औद्योगिक विकास

*280. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह यादव:**
श्री ईश दत्त यादव:

क्या **उद्योग** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि पिछड़े क्षेत्रों तथा विकासशील क्षेत्रों के बीच असमानता कई गुणा बढ़ गई है और कई राज्यों में पिछड़े क्षेत्र, सरकार द्वारा वहां उद्योग स्थापित करने हेतु दिए गए प्रोत्साहनों के बावजूद समुचित बुनियादी सुविधाओं के अभाव में अभी भी पिछड़े हुए हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार पिछड़े क्षेत्रों के औद्योगिकीकरण और अन्तरक्षेत्रीय विकास के बीच असंतुलन को समाप्त करने के लिए पिछड़े क्षेत्रों हेतु प्रभावी एवं व्यावहारिक कार्यनीतियां बनाने के संबंध में एक नया प्रोत्साहन पैकेज तैयार करने पर विचार कर रही है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री सिकन्दर बख्त): (क) से (ग) नई औद्योगिक नीति की घोषणा के पश्चात, पहले से अधिक निवेश संबंधी निर्णय उद्यमियों की वाणिज्यिक धारणा पर आधारित हैं। पिछड़े क्षेत्रों में औद्योगिक विकास का संवर्धन प्राथमिकता राज्य सरकारें की पहल पर निर्भर करता है। केन्द्रीय सरकार विकास केन्द्र योजना, एकीकृत अवसंरचना विकास योजना तथा परिवहन राजसहायता योजना जैसी योजनाओं के माध्यम से राज्यों के प्रयासों को बढ़ावा देती है। पूर्वोत्तर राज्यों के लिए, एक समर्पित नीति पैकेज की घोषणा के द्वारा उन पर विशेष ध्यान दिया गया है। इसके अतिरिक्त पिछड़े राज्यों, केन्द्र शासित क्षेत्रों तथा जिलों में उद्योग स्थापित करने के लिए वित्तीय प्रोत्साहन भी उपलब्ध हैं।

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Import of Tea from Sri Lanka

2016. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plan to sell the tea gardens of public sector unit Tea Trading Company of India Ltd. to another PSU M/s. Balmer Lawrie;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that Balmer Lawrie itself is sick and its gardens are also not doing well;

(d) if so, whether Government feel that M/s. Balmer Lawrie will be able to handle the sick tea gardens of Tea Trading Company Ltd.;

(e) whether Government are also aware that one of the most important reasons for sickness is free import of tea from Sri Lanka; and

(f) if so, whether Government will put some kind of restriction on the import of tea from Sri Lanka?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) to (d) Tea Trading Corporation of India (TTCI), a wholly owned subsidiary of STC is facing an acute financial crunch with an estimated liability around Rs. 36 crores as on 31.1.97. The Corporation is presently engaged with the following three options:

(i) Outright sale of the shares of the Corporation;

(ii) Bifurcation of the existing company in case (i) is not found possible; and

(iii) STC to initiate liquidation proceedings in case options (i) and (ii) above are not found practicable.

The offer from M/s. Balmer Lawrie, which is very preliminary without any

detail at this stage is in response to the above exercise of TTCI.

(e) and (f) Sickness of the gardens owned by TTCI pertains to the period prior to the issue of Public Notice of 1.8.1998 whereby Govt. have allowed free import of tea from Sri Lanka.

In order to precent entry of low grade tea in India, the Government aims to modify the current import policy so as to make import of tea subject to the following conditions:

(i) Import of various categories of tea may be allowed subject to submission of a certificate of origin and in analytical report issued by an agency as approved by the Govt. of India certifying conformity of the produce to ISO 3720.

(ii) Import of green tea waste and black tea waste may be permitted subject to the provisions of the Tea Waste (Control) Order, 1959 issued under provisions of the Tea Act, 1953.

Setting up of a Chilli Board

2017. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh has urged to set up a Chilli Board to promote the export of Chillies; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The development, research and marketing export promotion of spices including chillies is well taken care of by the following three institutes of the Government of India set up for this purpose:

(i) Directorate of Cocoa, Arecanut and Spices Development, Calicut;

(ii) ICAR and Research Institutes;

(iii) Spices Board, Ministry of Commerce.

Spices Board is primarily responsible for export promotion of all spices including chillies. The research and development aspects of chillies are looked after by the Ministry of Agriculture. Setting up a separate Board for chillies would involve unnecessary duplication of work and would not result in commensurate gains. In view of this, it is felt that it would not be advisable to set up a separate Board for chillies.

Trade Relations with Bangladesh

2018. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to expand trade relations with Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the areas in which trade relations have been established in the past and expanded during the last three years;

(c) the proposal for expansion and consideration at present; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) to (d) The current Trade Agreement between India and Bangladesh was singed on 4th October, 1980 for expansion and promotion of bilateral trade. The Agreement which was valid for a period of three years has been extended from time to time. With effect from 4th October, 1988 the Agreement has been extended for a further period of three years till 3rd October, 2001. the Agreement governs trade relations between the two countries and provides for cooperation in all areas relating to bilateral trade.

The areas of trade relations change from time to time. They are discussed in various bilateral discussions. Because of these efforts, bilateral trade has increased from Rs. 2143.97 cr. In 1994-95 to Rs.